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Farm Identification Survey Begins in April

Over the next few weeks, approximately 22,000 Tennesseans will be mailed a 2002 Farm Identification Survey. The intent of the Farm Identification Survey is to identify agricultural operations for inclusion in the 2002 Census of Agriculture mail out later this year. The Census, conducted every 5 years, is the most comprehensive source of agricultural information available, providing consistent, comparable agricultural data at the county, state, and national levels.

Many people who do not consider themselves to be farmers actually qualify as a farming operation and are important to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. The Farm Identification Survey consists of seven short questions relating to crop and livestock production. This information will be used to help determine an operation's agricultural status. The questionnaire should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Responses to this survey and the 2002 Census of Agriculture are mandatory under Title 7, U. S. Code, which also assures the information provided is confidential and will not be provided to any individual or organization.

The 2002 Census of Agriculture forms will be sent to potential farms and ranches in December 2002. For additional information about the Farm Identification Survey or the 2002 Census of Agriculture, get online at www.usda.gov/nass/ or call toll-free at 1-888-4AG-STAT or 1-888-424-7828.

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